

## **GENERAL:**

### **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:**

All non-routine travel must be authorized and approved in writing by the head of the department, board, or commission from whose funds the traveler is paid.

### **Routine Lodging Overage Allowances:** (Receipt required)

Department Head or his/her designee has the authority to approve actual cost for routine lodging provisions on a case by case basis not to exceed **fifty percent** over PPM-49 current listed rates (Note: this authority for increase in allowance is for lodging only and not for any other area of PPM 49). Justification must be maintained in the file to show that attempts were made with hotels in the area to receive the state/best rate.

**Single Day Travel:** Meals are not eligible for reimbursements on single day travel. This means that when an authorized traveler of the State is in travel status where no overnight stay is required, no meals are eligible for reimbursement. Each Department Head or their designees are to determine the reasonableness of when an overnight stay is justified. However, the Department Head will be allowed to authorize Single Day meal reimbursements on a case-by-case basis or by type(s) of single day travel when it is determined to be in the best interest of the department. In those cases, the department must keep the approvals in the travel file and **must be responsible** to take appropriate steps to report the reimbursement as wages to the employee. If a Department Head or his/her designee determines that Single Day Meals will be provided for, they must follow the following allowances:

**To receive any meal reimbursement on single day travel, an employee must be in travel status for a minimum of 12 hours.**

**The maximum allowance for meal reimbursement for single day travel will be \$37.00.**

**Breakfast and Lunch:** (\$22.00) The 12 hour travel duration must begin at or before 6 a.m.

**Lunch:** (\$13.00) Requires 12 hours duration in travel status.

**Lunch and Dinner:** (\$37.00) The 12 hour travel duration must end at or after 8 p.m.

**Travel with Overnight Stay:** Travelers may be reimbursed for meals according to the following schedule (**minimum of 12 hours in travel status**).

**Breakfast:** When travel begins at/or before 6 a.m. on the first day of travel or extends at/or beyond 9 a.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.

**Lunch:** When travel begins at/or before 10 a.m. on the first day of travel or extends at/or beyond 2 p.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.

**Dinner:** When travel begins at/or before 4p.m. on the first day of travel or extends at/or beyond 8 p.m. on the last day of travel, and for any intervening days.

### **Meals Allowance – Including Tax and Tips**

Receipts are not required for routine meals within these allowances unless a cash advance was received. (See Section 1503.B.2) Number of meals claimed must be shown on travel voucher. For meal rates, the inclusion of suburbs (see definition of suburb) shall be determined by the department head on a case-by-case basis.

**Routine Lodging Allowances – Employees will be reimbursed lodging rate, plus tax and any mandatory surcharge. ( Receipts are Required )** For lodging rates, the inclusion of suburbs shall be determined by the department head on a case-by-case basis. When two or more employees on official state business share a lodging room, the State will reimburse the actual cost of the room; subject to a maximum amount allowed for an individual traveler times the number of employees.

	<b><u>Tier I</u></b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>\$13</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$24</b>
	<b>\$46</b>

<b><u>LODGING:</u></b>	<b><u>Routine Lodging</u></b>
In-State Cities (except as listed)	<b>\$77</b>
<b>Alexandria/Leesville/Natchitoches</b>	<b>\$80</b>
Baton Rouge – EBR	<b>\$93</b>
Covington/Slidell – St. Tammany	<b>\$89</b>
Lafayette	<b>\$85</b>
Lake Charles – Calcasieu	<b>\$77</b>

	<b><u>Tier II</u></b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$29</b>
	<b>\$54</b>

<b><u>LODGING:</u></b>	<b><u>Routine Lodging</u></b>
New Orleans, Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, and Plaquemines Parishes	<b>\$135</b>
Out-of-State (Except Cities listed in Tier III & IV)	<b>\$85</b>

	<b><u>Tier III</u></b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>\$12</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>\$17</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$31</b>
	<b>\$60</b>

<b><u>LODGING :</u></b>	<b><u>Routine Lodging</u></b>
Atlanta, Austin, Cleveland, Dallas/Fort Worth	<b>\$120</b>
Denver, CO, Fort Lauderdale, Hartford, Houston, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis/ST. Paul, Nashville, Oakland, CA., Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, OR., Sacramento, San Antonio, San Diego, Sedona, St. Louis, Tampa, Wilmington, DE, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, all of Alaska and Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Saipan	

	<b><u>Tier IV</u></b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>\$13</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>\$19</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$33</b>
	<b>\$65</b>

<b><u>LODGING:</u></b>	<b><u>Routine Lodging</u></b>
Baltimore MD, Seattle, WA, San Francisco, CA	<b>\$175</b>
Alexandria, VA, Arlington, VA, New York City, Washington, DC	<b>\$225</b>
Chicago, IL, Boston, MA, International Cities	<b>\$200</b>

**AIRFARE: Remember, while use of the contract travel agency is mandatory:**

The State Travel Office strongly encourages use of lowest logical airfares. The State always supports purchasing the “best value” ticket. You should ask the state’s contracted travel agency to check for the lowest logical rates based on your personal needs.

Remember, PPM49, Section 1504 B2 (c) states “The policy regarding airfare penalties is that the State will pay for the airfare and/or penalty incurred for a change or cancellation if required by the State or other unavoidable situations approved by the agency’s department head. Justification for the change or cancellation by the traveler’s department head is required on the travel voucher.”

**REMEMBER– A ticket is not purchased until you confirm your reservations with a credit card.**

### **MILEAGE:**

Reimbursement from official domicile to area of travel based on most direct route. Mileage shall be reimbursable on the basis of **\$0.51** per the following:

For official In-State business travel

1. Employee should utilize a state vehicle when available
2. Employee may rent a vehicle from Enterprise Rent-A-Car’s State Motor Pool Rental Contract, if state vehicle is not available and travel exceed 100 miles; or
3. If an employee elects to use his/her personal vehicle, reimbursement may not exceed a maximum of 99 miles per round trip and/or day at **\$0.51** cents per mile.

### **RENTAL CARS ( Receipt Required)**

**In-State Vehicle Rental.** The State has contracted with Enterprise Rent-A-Car for the State Motor Pool Rental Contract which **use is mandatory** In-State Motor Pool Rentals

Compact-	\$ 32.00	\$176.00 weekly	\$640.00 monthly
Intermediate	\$34.00	\$187.00 weekly	\$680.00 monthly

Only the rental of compact or intermediate model is reimbursable, unless non-availability is documented, or the vehicle will be used to transport more than two persons. Written approval from the department head **prior** to departure is required

ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL: National Account Number: NA1403  
RESERVATIONS (24/7) 1-800-RENT-A-CAR OR ENTERPRISE.COM

<b>In-State</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Corporate Discount #'s</b>
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>1-800-736-8222</b>	<b>NA1403</b>

### **OUT- OF- STATE Vehicle Rental( Receipt Required)**

**Out-of-State Vehicle Rental Mandatory.** The State has contracted for rental vehicles for domestic, out-of-state travel, **excluding** Louisiana and international travel, utilizing the State of Louisiana’s Out-of-State Contracts, which use is mandatory. The State of Louisiana Out-of-State participating vendors include Enterprise Rent - A-Car, National Car Rental and Hertz Car Rental Corporation. It is the traveler’s discretion which rental company is utilized. Pricing includes CDW/ (Collision Damage Waiver) and a million dollar liability insurance.

Out of-State Hertz Car Rental Contract			
Compact-	\$27.81	\$152.96	weekly
Intermediate	\$31.93	\$175.62	weekly
Out of State Hertz	Phone Number 1-800-654-3131 www.HERTZ.COM	Corporate Discount #'s 70592	

Out of-State Enterprise/National Car Rental Contract			
Compact-	\$30.09	\$150.45	weekly
Intermediate	\$31.92	\$159.60	weekly
Out of State Enterprise	Phone Number 1-800-RENT-A-CAR ENTERPRISE.COM	Corporate Discount #'s NA1403	
National	1-877-222-9058 NATIONALCAR.COM	NA1403	

### **Gasoline (Receipt Required)**

Reimbursements require an original receipt, regular unleaded gasoline should be used or diesel when applicable,. This applies for both state owned vehicles and rental vehicles, as mid-grade, super, plus or premium gasoline are typically not necessary.

### **Public Ground Transportation:** (Shuttles, Airport limousines, etc.)

The cost of public ground transportation such as buses, subways, airport shuttle/limousines, and taxis are reimbursable when the expenses are incurred as part of approved state travel. See receipt requirements below

Airport Shuttle/limousines, taxi reimbursements. A driver's tip for shuttles/limousines and taxis may be given and must not exceed 15% of total charge. Amount of tip must be included on receipt received from driver/company. All other forms of public ground transportation where a receipt is not possible and other than those listed above are limited to \$15 per day without a receipt, claims in excess of \$15 per day requires a receipt. At the agency's discretion, the department head may implement an agency wide policy requiring receipts for all public transportation request less than \$15 per day.

### **PARKING:**

#### **Airport Parking Contracts:**

##### **Baton Rouge Airport:**

Documentations required to receive the contract price of \$3.50 per day (no receipts required) for parking in the indoor parking garage as well as the outside fenced parking lot at the Baton Rouge Airport. State ID and Baton Rouge Airport certificate. This certificate must be completed and presented when exiting the parking area at Baton Rouge Airport. Therefore, the traveler must have both this certificate and their State ID badge to receive the state rate. For any agency that does not issue ID badges, the employee must present this certificate along with a business card and driver's license. certificate may be obtained at: <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/parking.htm>  
At the agency discretion an employee may be paid actual expenses up to \$5.00 per day with receipt.

**New Orleans Airport – Park'N Fly:** The state's contract rate is \$7.00 per day, \$42.00 weekly at Park' N Fly (no receipt required). Park' N Fly requires state issued photo ID, or valid ID with a state business card, and tax a exemption form if reservation is not made on website, which is located at: <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/parking.htm> . At the agency discretion an employee may be paid actual expenses up to \$7.00 per day with a receipt.

### **For parking other than the above contracts:**

Up to \$5.00 can be reimbursed without a receipt. Anything over this amount must have a receipt.

## **REIMBURSEMENT FOR OTHER EXPENSES**

(These charges are while in travel status only)

### **Telephone**

#### **Official State Business:**

All business communication cost may be reimbursed, receipts required.

#### **Personal Calls:**

**Domestic Overnight Travel:** up to \$3.00 for personal calls upon arrival at each destination and up to \$3.00 for personal calls every second night after the first night if the travel extends several days.

**International Travel:** up to \$10 for personal calls upon arrival at each destination and up to \$10 for personal calls every second night after the first night if the travel extends several days.

**Internet Access charges** for official state business from hotels or other travel locations are treated the same as business telephone charges.

A department may implement a stricter policy for reimbursement of Internet charges. (Receipts Required)

### **BAGGAGE TIPS:**

**Hotel Allowances** – Up to \$3 tip per hotel check-in and \$3 tip per hotel checkout, if applicable.

**Airport Allowances** – Up to \$3 tip for airport outbound departure trip and \$3 tip for inbound departure trip.

### **LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE: (Receipt Required)**

A Department Head or his designee may approve reimbursement to a traveler for airline charges for first checked bag for a business trip of 5 days or less and for the second checked bag for a 6 – 10 day business trip and/or any additional baggage which is business related and required by the department.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

International travel must be approved by the Commissioner of Administration, or the entity head or his designee for Higher Education entities prior to departure, unless specific authority for approval has been delegated to a department head. Request for approval must be accompanied by a detailed account of expected expenditures (such as room rate/date, meals, local transportation, etc.) and an assessment of the adequacy of this source to meet such expenditures without curtailing subsequent travel plans.

International travelers will be reimbursed the **Tier IV** area rates for meals and lodging, unless U.S. State Department rates are requested and authorized by the Commissioner of Administration or, for Higher Education, the entity head or his/her designee, prior to departure. Itemized Receipts are required for meals and lodging claimed at the U.S. State Department rates.

## **WAIVERS**

The Commissioner of Administration may waive in writing any provision in PPM 49 when the best interest of the state will be served.

**PLEASE REVIEW PPM 49 THOROUGHLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND FOR PROPER REIMBURSEMENTS.**



**Web Site:**

[www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel](http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel)

# **LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

## **POCKET GUIDE TO TRAVEL REGULATIONS**

For more detailed guidelines,  
refer to PPM No. 49 - General  
Travel Regulations  
(Effective July 1, 2013)

**ALL AIRFARE MUST BE BOOKED  
THROUGH SHORT'S TRAVEL AGENCY.  
SEE BELOW**

## **CONTRACTED TRAVEL AGENCY**

**SHORT'S TRAVEL MANAGEMENT d/b/a  
SHORTS TRAVEL SERVICE**

Waterloo, IA

Toll free (888) 846-6810

Fax: (319) 433-0847

Email: [state@shortstravel.com](mailto:state@shortstravel.com)

Website: [www.shortstravel.com/la](http://www.shortstravel.com/la)

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A \$15 CHARGE  
PER CALL FOR AFTER HOUR EMERGENCY  
SERVICE 1-888-846-6810**

After 5 p.m. and on weekends. **This service is for emergency travel only and not for booking advanced travel.**